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Mr. Stephen Kehayes
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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

**RE: Bayonne Barrel & Drum Site, Newark, NJ
Remedial Investigation Report**

Dear Mr. Kehayes:

Enclosed please find three (3) copies of the Remedial Investigation Report for the referenced site, prepared by Quest Environmental & Engineering, Inc. Enclosed also is a single copy of the laboratory data reports in electronic format on two (2) disks.


This Remedial Investigation Report was completed in accordance with the Remedial Investigation Work Plan approved in September 2003, and the Supplemental Soil Sampling approved in July 2004. It presents the results of four (4) separate and distinct rounds of soil sampling, the results of the ground water investigation, a Baseline Ecological Evaluation, and a well search.

Demolition and removal to grade of the on-site buildings and structures occurred in an overlapping period with the remedial investigation. The current condition of the site is that the buildings have been removed and site security has been re-established with repair of the site fence and full-time security personnel on-site. We are currently proceeding with the development of a Remedial Action Selection Report as discussed in our December 2004 meeting.

We look forward to your review of the enclosed report, and we remain available to respond to any questions the Department may have in this matter.

Very truly yours,

de maximis, inc.


William J. Lee

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